

In 2007, when "net neutrality" was just an idea, it was said to guarantee companies owning the Internet would not be able to favor some traffic over others for faster Internet speed, it sounded fair to most. Legislation was proposed and failed because of one major point: The First Amendment.

“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.”

The Internet allows more people to post their views, like them or not, for public view more than any other source of media. Most intelligent folks would agree that web site operators should be free to publish or not publish whatever they desire. We don't have to agree with all of them or even like or support their content but the simple fact is that the First Amendment guarantees them the right to do so.

Regulating or barring privately owned web sites from editing out or publishing in their entirety controversial political statements, or forcing these owners to broadcast them, would be clearly unconstitutional.

The Internet not only survived without the any unconstitutional regulation or law but it has expanded in the last four years. Facebook alone has grown from approximately 12 million users to more than 400 million. More than a billion tweets a month reach millions on Twitter and you can use more than 100,000 applications with the new iPhone. Almost anyone, anywhere, can access the Internet.

The Obama Administration's Federal Communications Commission (FCC) unveiled new regulations last year stating it would create a more open Internet under “reasonable network management”.

“Reasonable network management” is code for government-regulated censorship.

The open Internet already exists! We have been living without any new regulation or law and we seem to be doing just fine. Since 2004 we have had 'net neutrality' when it was instituted that companies cannot control the

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The net neutrality regulations should be noted as being completely different from the national broadband plan the FCC released earlier this year. The net neutrality regulations will do absolutely nothing to require providers to treat all people the same. It does absolutely nothing to create a balance to the socially and economically disenfranchised -- members of rural, low-income, urban, tribal, minority, non-English speaking, unserved and underserved populations to obtain internet service.

The questions we need to be asking are, why step in now with these new Internet regulations? Why do we need more regulation in this area? Why does the government think it can better choose the content you view online through “reasonable network management”?

The fact is the government was never intended to keep us from speaking our minds or publishing our thought through the free press whatever its device. The only true and clear answer is it is another power grab by the executive branch.

The Obama Administration and Congress has already overstepped its Constitutional powers with Obamacare and could serve the public better by concentrating its efforts on the economy and jobs. If they feel they must dabble in the Internet with the FCC implementing a national broadband plan would be a better use of time.

The Internet is an amazing free market success story and any arguments made by advocates of net neutrality regulations are dismal attempts at leading us into a government run Internet. Their squabbles have been proven false by nearly a decade of explosive expansion in the industry. An industry I might remind you that creates jobs and opportunity as well as promotes innovation.

A vast majority of the Self proclaimed consumer groups screaming for the regulation are actually the extreme left-wing ideology goons who want the government to handle every aspect of their lives. Those folks have been opposed to free-market capitalism, just like the Marx and Lenin Communists, because it puts the trust and freedom in the hands of the people rather than its trust in government.

I urge everyone to reject any new regulations that allow the Internet to be under the “reasonable network management” of another government bureaucracy so that the free-market Internet can continue to boom creating jobs and opportunities for Americans.

Limiting the rights of Americans in this way is not only unconstitutional but also treasonous at heart.